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DAVID BRINKLEY: Jack Perkins, usually when we get a spy here who has defected from another country, the U.S. sets him out with a new name and maybe a wig and a moustache, and puts him into an obscure house in the suburbs with a rowboat on a front lawn filled with dirt and planted with petunias so he looks like everybody else.

JACK PERKINS: That's right. That's right. But what happens if he gets tired of the rowboat full of petunias and the new life and the new identity and wants to chuck it? Well, that has happened.

Vladimir Sakharov was a KGB man in the Middle East. He became disaffected with the Soviet Union, turned double agent, working for the CIA, and finally defected and came to this country. So the CIA gave him a new identity and moved him out to Orange County, California. But he has decided he doesn't want that new life. So he's going to cast it aside. And you will meet him now not as a certain European businessman working as a management consultant in this country, the phony I.D., but as Vladimir Sakharov, defected Russian spy.

He's a good musician. In a way, music led him ultimately to defect. But for years -- since childhood, he says -- he felt a nagging dissatisfaction with the Soviet system.

VLADIMIR SAKHAROV: I never could stand the informant system in the Soviet Union. Everybody is supposed to report on everybody. I...

PERKINS: You had been raised with that since school.